M/s Grameswar Kero Fuels, Paradip operates under Form XIII (the explosives license issued by Department of Explosives, Government of India for underground storage tank facility) and M/s B. Panda & Co. Raghunathpur operate under Form 'J' (license to store non dangerous petroleum other than in bulk in quantity not exceeding 5000 gallons, issued by District Magistrates, of respective State Governments). The dealers can operate under any of these licences issued under Form XIII or Form 'J' by Central/State Government respectively. Therefore, whole SKO quota of Ersana block is not given only to M/s Grameswar Kero Fuels, Paradip but also to other dealers having licences under Form 'J'.

(e) The comparative Statement of allotment/upliftment of M/s Grameswar Kero Fuels, Paradip and M/s B. Panda & Co. from 2000 to October, 2007 is enclosed.

Statement

Comparative Statement Of Allotment/Upliftment From 2000-01 To 2007-08 (Upto October 2007) For M/S Grameswar Kero Fuels And M/S B. Panda & Co.

(FIGURES IN KILOLITRES)

Name of Dealership	Year							
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08 Up to Oct -07
M/s Grameswar Kero Fuels	1440	2016	1872	1560	1488	1440	1392	804
M/s B. Panda & Co.	576	1416	1584	1296	1284	1440	1368	756

Proposals pending with Ministry

1587. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA;
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has pulled up the Ministry for the inordinate delay in implementing 30 proposals dating back to 2004 and one in July, 2007 the decision of the Cabinet and its Committee; and

(b) if so, what are the main reasons put forward by the Ministry for delay in implementing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Technology for Oil/Gas exploration

1588. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the state of technology in Public Sector Oil firms has come into focus due to

their lacklustre performance in finding new oil/gas reserves or completing and running refineries on time and efficiently;

(b) if so, what are the basis for this perception in view of our dependence upon on import of major component of crude/petroleum products every year; and

(c) whether it is possible to find future oil or gas reserves from frontier depths under the sea where only new technology will succeed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) Public Sector Undertakings, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) employ the latest technology for pursuing their E&P objectives. These technologies are being inducted through work association/contractual services or through outright purchase. In last 5 years, oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have added more reserves than the oil & gas production in corresponding years. In 2006-07, crude oil processing was about 141.463 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT), which is 11.4% higher than 126.986 MMT in 2005-06. ONGC has made two gas discoveries during 2006-07 in Mahanadi offshore as a result of exploratory efforts.

Centre for High Technology (CHT), a registered society under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has signed an agreement with Shell Global Solutions International B. V. (Shell GSI) of the Netherlands for an "Integrated Business Improvement Programme" for four Indian refineries at Mathura (lOCL), Chennai (CPCL), Vizag (HPCL) and Kochi (BPCL).

(b) At present, there is 70% import dependence on petroleum products. As our economy is growing at a rate of about 9% of Gross Domestic Products (GDP), demand for petroleum products is likely to increase from 119.8 MMT in 2006-07 to 131.767 MMT in 2011 -12. The consumption of petroleum products may also increase upto 141.793 MMT in 2011 -12.

(c) The estimated Hydrocarbon resources are about 28 billion tonnes, out of which, about 8.8 billion tonnes of in-place reserves have been established. During XI plan period, 80% of Indian sedimentary basinal area will be under exploration including deepwater and frontier areas also.

Conditions of society workers at ONGC-KG basin

1589. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC and Krishna Godavari (KG) Basin management went into an agreement with the registered societies engaged in the supply of workmen at KG Basin;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditionss that are agreed upon; and

(c) whether the managetrient is regularizing the services of 60 members of society workers per year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Rajahmundry has entered into an agreement with registered co-operative societies for various job contracts of miscellaneous and intermittent nature. The co-operative societies engage workmen based on the job requirement.

(c) No Sir.